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Presiding Judge Kirk Nakamura to Receive Orange County Bar Association's Prestigious Harmon G. Scoville Award

Santa Ana, CA – Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge Kirk Nakamura is this year's Harmon G. Scoville Award recipient, the [Orange County Bar Association announced](#) on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. The prestigious award will be presented during a virtual OCBA Recognition Reception in October 2020.

"I am very honored to be a member of the small fraternity of Harmon G. Scoville Award recipients," said Judge Nakamura. "I will accept this award as recognition of the work of our Court and our legal community to promote the values of our constitutional system."

Established in 1990, the award was named after its first recipient Justice Harmon G. Scoville, the Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, 4th District, Division 3. Since then, the OCBA has presented this award to a member of the Orange County legal community whose career exemplifies the highest standards of the legal profession, and who has made significant contributions to the OCBA and its community.



Judge Nakamura was elected two years ago as Presiding Judge of the Orange County Superior Court of California by his fellow judges of the Court. Prior to this, he served as Assistant Presiding Judge since his election to that position in January 2016. He was appointed by Governor Gray Davis to the Orange County Superior Court bench in 2001.

Judge Nakamura formerly served as president of the Orange County Japanese American Lawyers Association, the Orange County Asian American Bar Association, the William P. Gray/Lex Legion Inn of Court, and the California Asian Pacific American Judges Association. He was also a board member of the Orange County Bar Association and the California Judges Association. Among his many accolades, he was awarded the Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the Outstanding Service Award from the Orange County Asian American Bar Association.

Judge Nakamura received his Juris Doctor degree from Duke University School of Law in 1980 and his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Irvine in 1977.

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